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No charges for abandoned baby's mother

FAMILY Police aren't charging a mother who left her seven-week-old baby boy unattended inside the backseat of a pickup truck for about 15 minutes in Tuesday's hot weather.

"We have heard back from family services. Our investigation has concluded," said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin, who Tuesday referred to the incident as something that looked to be an "unfortunate mistake."

Police were called to the Hubley Center in Tantallon at about 1 p.m. in regards to a complaint of a baby being left in a vehicle. Taplin said the mother of the baby thought she had left him at home with her husband while taking her four-year-old daughter to the dentist for a dental emergency.

The boy was taken to hospital for observation and is fine. Nova Scotia Child Services was brought in to investigate. Yesterday Community Services spokesman Lucas Wide said they're "not permitted by law to comment on any specific child welfare case."

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Moose training camp



Defenceman Sam Caldwell takes down forward Linden Bahm with goaltender Jeremie Brisebois looking on during yesterday's first of two five-on-five scrimmage games as the Halifax Mooseheads opened their 2009-10 training camp at Cole Harbour Place. Story, page 8.

Dry aim to claim title on home turf

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BASEBALL The Dartmouth Moosehead Dry have won three national titles on the road — and now it's their chance to get it done at home.

After triumphs in Kamloops, B.C., Moncton and Weyburn, Sask., Moosehead Dry is vying for its fourth title in 12 years when it hosts the Canadian senior baseball championship starting today at Beazley Field and Mainland Common.

"It's been a long time coming," said Dry player-coach Darren Doucette. "It's been two years in the making, trying to put this together. Hopefully we can have a good showing."

Nine teams will join Dartmouth at the tournament, including its provincial rival, the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians. Other Atlantic content is provided by the Chatham Ironmen and Fredericton Royals from New Brunswick and the St. John's Capitals from Newfoundland.

Also visiting are the Windsor (Ont.) Stars, Brandon (Man.) Marlin's, Fort Saskatchewan (Alta.) Athletics, Trail (B.C.) Orioles and a provincial team from Quebec.

Halifax plays today at 9 a.m. against Trail and at 4 p.m. against Fort Saskatchewan at Mainland Common. Dartmouth plays Quebec at 8:30 p.m. at Beazley Field.

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Preparing for impact

Hurricane Bill expected to arrive in province Sunday or Monday

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Nova Scotians should brace themselves for an unwelcome guest arriving late this weekend.

But meteorologists still don't know just how overbearing hurricane Bill will be when he blows through Nova Scotia late Sunday or Monday.

"It will lose some intensity by the time it gets here; the question is just how much," Bob Robichaud of the Atlantic Storm Prediction Centre in Dartmouth said yesterday.

By mid-afternoon yesterday,

"Since Bill is right on our doorstep, we might want to prepare for him."

Bill Lawlor, Canadian Red Cross

day, Environment Canada was predicting Bill would slow to a Category 1 storm, but still bring with it heavy rain and winds when it's offshore of the province.

Hurricane Bill was a strong Category 4 storm late yesterday churning about 2,700 kilometres southeast of Bermuda, Robichaud said.

He said when hurricane Juan hit Nova Scotia in September 2003, it was ranked as a Category 2 storm, just

on the threshold of being Category 1.

Bill Lawlor, regional director of disaster management for the Canadian Red Cross, said residents should always be ready for extreme weather but added "since Bill is right on our doorstep, we might want to prepare for him."

"A lot of complacency exists along our coastal communities, as we experienced during hurricane Juan," he pointed out yesterday.

"We want to make sure that people heed the warnings and pay very close attention to the local authorities with respect to what may be happening with the winds."

Lawlor said households should start planning for Bill now, which includes packing an emergency kit that will last for at least three days, with supplies such as water, non-perishable food, a first-aid kit, a flashlight and a radio.

"We will be placing all of our teams on standby throughout Atlantic Canada, regardless of wherever Bill may or may not hit," he added.

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A 54-year-old New Brunswick man was arrested Monday on possession of contraband cigarettes after Colchester RCMP say they pulled someone for speeding on Highway 104 near Debert. Police say they found 650 clear plastic zip lock bags of illegal cigarettes, with 200 cigarettes in each bag. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



NDP nixes lobster permit fee

The NDP government is removing the \$40.53 permit fee put in place last fall by the Progressive Conservatives for lobster fishermen who sell live lobster roadside. A government release said vendors are still required to have a permit, but it will be free. Eighty permits have been issued to date. "Lobster fishermen have been struggling with low prices in the past year, and they have traditionally sold direct to customers without needing to purchase a permit," minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sterling Belliveau said in the release. **METRO HALIFAX**



Stabbing victim won't co-operate, says RCMP

CRIME Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said an 18-year-old male stabbed during an attempted robbery by two men Tuesday afternoon in front of the King of Donair on Sackville Drive isn't co-operating with police. "He's not co-operating with us right now," Taplin said yesterday of the victim. "He wasn't co-operating with officers last night. When we tried to talk to him he wasn't giving us too many details." Police say at 4:45 p.m. the victim was approached by the two suspects and during incident one of the males pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the hand. The suspects fled in a black vehicle, police say, while the victim went to a friend's house on Bruce Drive where 9-1-1 was called. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

CHARGES A 29-year-old Dartmouth man is facing charges of trafficking and cultivation after Halifax Regional Police say a call led to the search of a residence on Oakwood Crescent where a grow-op was found. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Plenty of water for heat wave

Relentless wet weather has topped up supplies to meet increased demands

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The relentless early summer rain may have seemed like a cold, cruel joke from an uncaring higher power, but on the bright side, it prepared us well for the heat wave as far as water goes.

The once seemingly endless spree of wet weather topped up the Halifax Regional Municipality's wa-

Open fire ban

- Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency ordered a complete ban on all open fires yesterday due to the hot and dry weather conditions in the past week.
- The ban includes all open fires, backyard camp fires and outdoor solid fuel burning appliances.

ter supplies with more than enough H₂O to make up for increased demand this week during what has been day after day of dry, hot weather.

HRM residents have

been using about 10 million litres of water more per day this week than they were even in the week before, according to Carl Yates, general manager of Halifax Water. But

he's got no worries.

"You know as well as I do June and July were extremely wet. So we started the month of August with our lakes, our main source of supply, very full," he said. "We're certainly going to be OK, I think."

This week the city pumped about 150 million litres of water per day to residents, up from 140 million per day last week. Yates said the water system has very good capacity to

begin with so the lakes being "chock-a-block full" just adds more help.

Still, Yates recommends people minimize their water use by watering their lawns early in the morning or after supper, rather than midday when much of it goes to waste.

Temperatures again hovered around the 30 C mark through HRM yesterday. Environment Canada's forecast for today calls for more of the same.

MacCormack's Beach Dog days of August



Kelly Naugle and son Ryan play in the water with their dogs Ginger and Abby at MacCormack's Beach in Eastern Passage yesterday. Ryan rode his bike while Naugle walked the dogs.

Byelection heats up

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POLITICS A Dartmouth by-election is set to be one of the most contested municipal races in recent memory.

As nominations closed Tuesday seven candidates had put their name forward to replace Andrew Younger in District 6 (East Dartmouth The Lakes). Younger made the jump to the provincial politics in June.

In the municipal election last fall the only district to have seven candidates running was Connaught-Quinpool, which Sheila Fougere left vacant in her failed run for mayor.

In contrast, Younger was not opposed for District 6. The last time a by-election

had seven candidates was 1999.

Running for the by-election on Saturday, Sept. 19 are Robin Allen, Phil Brown, Shane Dafeo, Tracey Devereaux, Darren Fisher, John McMillan and Brian Warshick.

Former mayoral candidate David Boyd contacted Metro last week saying he would be putting his name on the ballot. But when nominations closed he wasn't registered.

Voters will also be able to vote online and via phone. Online voting kicks off Sept. 12 and runs 24-hours for one full week until the polls close.

Council has approved a total budget of \$85,000 for the by-election. Advance polls take place Saturday, Sept. 12 and Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Ex-board member up for parole

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COURTS Former Halifax regional school board member Peggy Draper won't be behind bars for much longer.

The National Parole Board has ruled that Draper, who was sentenced earlier this year to two years in federal prison for scamming investors out of more than \$330,000, is eligible for accelerated parole.

That means she could be

out of jail by late this month, depending on when a bed opens up at a halfway house, the board says.

"In accordance with legislation, you are a first-time federal offender who meets criteria for accelerated parole review," the July 29 decision reads.

"You are not known to aggressively behave, use weapons or use threats to achieve desired results."

"The board is mindful of your several victims who have suffered greatly from

the results of your criminal activities," it continues. "Nevertheless ... the board is satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that, if released, you are likely to commit an offence involving violence."

Draper, 59, pleaded guilty to 11 charges of theft and fraud in January, but eight other charges were dismissed. Special conditions on her early release include that she must not associate with known criminals or victims.

Liberals pushing for women's shelter help

SERVICES One opposition party is pushing the government to step in before Bryony House starts cutting back services next week.

The women's shelter has announced it will stop offering its outreach program next week, which provides services for women who aren't staying in the Halifax shelter. Bryony's budget of about \$1 million has held steady since 1996, while shelter operators say costs have increased.

Liberal MLA Manning

MacDonald called for the government to give Bryony extra funding yesterday. MacDonald said the government needs to provide stable, multi-year funding to keep shelters operational.

One Bryony worker has been laid off while two others have seen their hours reduced.

During the election the NDP promised \$500,000 for women's and transition houses, which could mean up to \$30,000 annually for Bryony House.

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Vehicle occupants, ducks escape injury in rollover

A van that swerved to avoid a family of ducks landed on its roof in a ditch on Highway 111 between the Mount Hope and Penhorn exits Tuesday night. The ducks were spared, but the vehicle was extensively damaged. There were no injuries to the van's driver or passenger. **METRO HALIFAX**

College director overcomes obstacles

First Nation member urges students to pursue success and 'just win the day'

FocusOn FirstNations

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Derek Lewis believes that "education is the great equalizer."

After all, what he's learned inside and outside of the classroom has helped shape who he is today, which includes being director of Red Arrow Digital College in downtown Halifax.

The 37-year-old Millbrook First Nation member founded the private career college five years ago, recognizing a need in HRM for a school that offers hands-on information technology experience and a need in his own life to pursue success despite any obstacles along the way.

In late 1990, for instance, Lewis said he ended up in hospital close to death, after being stabbed repeatedly while trying to break up a fight inside a

Dartmouth apartment building. He was a high school student at the time.

"After you've been on a respirator, after you've learned how to walk again, after you continue to live with a disability, there are so many different ways that you can sit there and say ... 'how poor my life is,' "

he said yesterday, while taking a break from preparing for September classes. But instead of moping, Lewis said he looked at each day as a new challenge.

"It's all up to you," he said. "Just win the day."

That's the philosophy Lewis hopes to instill in his students, who each receive a copy of The Pledge of Success, something he learned while playing football.

Lewis himself went on to

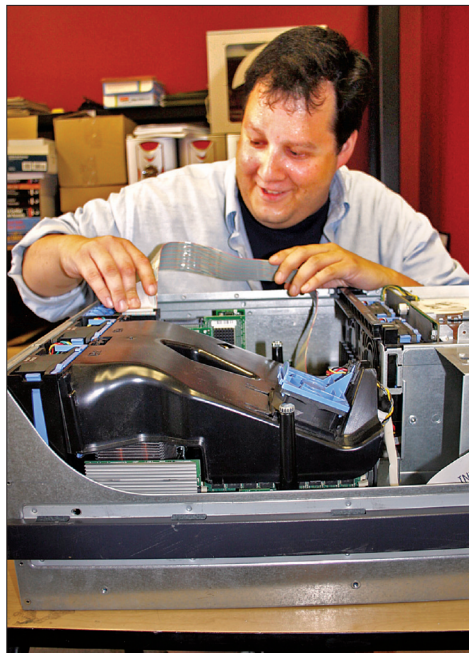
earn his high school equivalency certificate (GED). He has also majored in English at Dalhousie University, earned a certificate in adult education and now has an ever-expanding wall full of computer training and repair certifications.

"There (were) challenges, but there was one (thing) that was a saving grace, and that was my education."

Derek Lewis, director of Red Arrow Digital College

Friendship Centre. Now, the college has a Grafton Street home, and he and his staff have a diverse group of students, from natives and non-natives to those with basic and advanced computer skills.

"There (were) challenges," he said. "But there was one (thing) that was a saving grace, and that was my education."



School director and computer instructor Derek Lewis explains what components go into a server yesterday while prepping Red Arrow Digital College in downtown Halifax for classes starting Sept. 8.

AFF to show more than 70 area films

Atlantic Film Festival

AFF

ATLANTIC PROGRAM Next month's Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax is set to present its largest ever selection of local films. The annual film showcase takes place Sept. 19 to 26.

"This year we have over 70 titles in our program made by Atlantic Canadians, it's by far the best depth of program we have seen at the festival yet," festival director Lia Rinaldo said in an AFF release.

Kicking off the Atlantic program is Love and Savagery at the Oxford Theatre on Sept. 18. Directed by John N. Smith and written by Des Walsh, the movie tells the story of a young Newfoundland geologist with Irish roots in the late 1960s who falls for a girl about to enter a nunnery in a small Irish town.

Along with features, the festival will present 10 programs of Atlantic Canadian short films. **METRO HALIFAX**

Advice on Copequid Pass being put into effect

The province is well on its way to implementing the recommendations made by consultants Opus International following a snowstorm last November that stranded 1,500 motorists on the Cobequid Pass.

"There are some we're still working on, but there's quite a few of them we have implemented," Catherine MacIsaac of the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Department said.

Last week, the province called for tenders to pave eight kilometres of the old Trans-Canada Highway through the Wentworth Valley. While the road was reduced to secondary status when the 44-kilometre Cobequid Pass was opened in 1997, the consultants recommended maintaining that highway as an alternate route during storms and in times of emergency when the toll highway is closed.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

Man arrested after pedestrians hit by vehicle

CHARGES A 19-year-old was taken into police custody following an incident in which a large group of pedestrians was struck by a vehicle around 1 a.m. yesterday morning.

The male driver of the vehicle is from North Sydney and is expected to face charges of impaired driving and other offences under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Cape Breton Regional Police said four people were injured and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

CAPE BRETON POST

Police force workers accept 3-year contract

CAPE BRETON Members of the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union Local 1995 have voted 84 per cent in favour of accepting a three-year contract with Cape Breton Regional Municipal Police.

The deal is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2008 and includes a raise hike of 4.75 per cent in 2008, four per cent in 2009 and 4.25 per cent in 2010. The union represents about 200 employees with the police force. They've been without a contract since the end of 2007.

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A British rower who left St. John's, N.L., in an attempt to cross the Atlantic solo has been rescued from the path of Hurricane Bill, CBC News Online reports. Peter Bray, 53, had to abandon his boat in the middle of the ocean yesterday morning and climb aboard the U.K.-based research vessel James Cook. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Alleged fraudster declared bankrupt

Alleged fraudster Earl Jones, left, was declared personally bankrupt yesterday by the Quebec Superior Court, clearing the way for the next phase of the investigation into the millions of dollars nearly 150 of his former clients claim to be missing, CBC News Online reports. Bankruptcy lawyer Neil Stein said the bankruptcy declaration means Jones's personal property can soon be put up for sale, including his BMW, his Audi, as well as the condos he and his wife own in Dorval, Mont Tremblant and Boca Raton, Fla. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Flexing the military muscles

Harper vows to stand up to nations eyeing Canadian North

In a display of bravado, boasts and a flexing of military might, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has vowed to stand up to nations already "probing" Canada's north.

And Harper himself was leading the charge yesterday as he took the controls of a Sea King helicopter, took the helm of a submarine as it slipped below the icy waters of Frobisher Bay and promised that Canada would protect its northern interests.

With melting sea ice opening up northern sea lanes, Harper himself said the strategic value of the Arctic region has never been greater.

"We must never forget that just as the eyes of southern Canadians gaze



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, sits outside the door of a Sea King helicopter during his tour of the North yesterday. Harper vowed Canada would stand up to nations probing the North.

northward, so too do those beyond our borders," Harper said yesterday morning during a visit to the frigate HMCS Toronto as it cruised the waters south of Iqaluit.

It's a message Harper has

delivered before. But never with such a backdrop of military hardware to drive home his point of safeguarding the northern territory.

Sailing on Frobisher Bay,

Nanook

• Prime Minister Stephen Harper was on the front lines of Operation Nanook, a sovereignty exercise he billed as the "most ambitious ever" and said it demonstrates Canada's "unyielding resolve" to protect its remote lands.

the HMCS Toronto was joined in a carefully choreographed script by the submarine HMCS Corner Brook, its menacing black hull gliding through the waters, and the Canadian Coast Guard vessel Pierre Radisson. Standing on the frigate's bow, Harper watched as a trio of CF-18s screamed overhead.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fido ads encourage people to toss landline telephones

INDUSTRY The country's big telephone and wireless providers — Rogers, Bell and Telus — have spent years trying to convince Canadians that they need both a cellphone and a traditional landline telephone.

But that could finally be about to change.

Rogers Communications Inc.'s discount subsidiary Fido is currently running ads that ask consumers to "Toss your old home phone" — a seemingly odd proposition for a company that's currently trying to build its

home phone business.

Analysts note that the Fido ads come just as three new, independent wireless service providers prepare to launch services this year or in early 2010 in a move that is bound to usher in an era of so-called "wireless substitution" for Canadians.

"I think Rogers is acknowledging that it's going come, so the incumbents may be thinking it's wise to pre-empt the new entrants," said Dvair Ghose, an analyst at Genuity Capital Markets. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

News in brief

HACKING Computer systems at some Canadian and U.S. Radisson Hotels & Resorts were accessed without authorization between November 2008 and May 2009, possibly revealing

guests' names and credit card numbers, the hotel said yesterday. Radisson said it could not provide an estimate of the number of potentially exposed records. **REUTERS**



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Hewitt dead at 86

Don Hewitt, the creator of the groundbreaking CBS News program 60 Minutes, and one of the most influential behind-the-scenes figures in U.S. journalism, died yesterday at 86. **REUTERS**

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World

Karzai defiant on vote

Afghan president says Taliban will fail to ruin election

Taliban fighters will not wreck Afghanistan's presidential election, President Hamid Karzai said hours before polls opened, after fighters clashed with police in the centre of Kabul and threatened to shut the country's roads.

"I hope that our countrymen, millions of them will come and vote for country's stability, for the country's peace, for the country's progress," Karzai said last night after a small ceremony for the country's Independence Day holiday.

"Enemies will do their best, but it won't help."

Earlier yesterday, gunmen stormed a bank building in central Kabul and battled police for hours in what the Taliban said was one of many attacks it had planned for the capital.

The brazen early morning raid was the third major attack in Kabul in five days, shattering the calm in a city which had been secure for months but is now tense and dotted with checkpoints.

Polls show Karzai leading



An Afghan soldier keeps watch as a man passes a checkpoint in Kandahar yesterday.

but likely to fall short of the outright majority needed to avoid an October run-off, after his main challenger, ex-foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, ran a stronger than expected campaign.

Violence could raise the chance of a run-off by suppressing turnout in southern areas where Karzai draws his support — or even jeopardize the legitimacy of the poll altogether.

In southern Kandahar province — Karzai's home and the birthplace of the Taliban — two election

workers were killed in a bomb blast, an election official said.

Fearing more election-related violence, officials in Kandahar city said they would close roads to normal traffic for today's poll, allowing only election workers and observers, vehicles transporting voters, and the media to travel freely.

In a statement on a Taliban website, the Islamist group said 20 suicide bombers had infiltrated the capital, preparing attacks to thwart the election. **REUTERS**

Iraq suffers deadliest day of '09

TERROR A series of blasts in Baghdad killed 95 people and wounded 536 in Iraq's bloodiest day this year, prompting a rare admission of culpability from Iraqi security forces struggling to cope without U.S. help.

At least six blasts struck near government ministries and other targets at the heart of Iraq's Shiite-led administration, weeks after U.S. combat troops withdrew from urban centres in June, thrusting Iraq's security forces into the lead role.

95 People killed in six separate attacks in Iraq yesterday.

"We must face the facts. We must admit our mistakes, just as we celebrate our victories," Defence Ministry spokesman Major General Mohammed al-Askari told a group of U.S. and Iraqi military officials yesterday.

His comments echoed earlier remarks by Baghdad's security spokesman, Maj.-Gen. Qassim al-Mousawi.

"This operation shows negligence, and is considered a security breach for which Iraqi forces must take most of the blame," Moussawi told Iraqiya state television.

The sectarian war that hit Iraq after the 2003 U.S. invasion has abated and Iraq celebrated the restoration of its sovereignty in June when U.S. troops withdrew from cities. **REUTERS**

UN criticizes Afghan law

WOMEN'S RIGHTS A new family law ratified by Afghan President Hamid Karzai last month falls short of his country's international commitments on women's rights and should be revised quickly, the United Nations said yesterday.

President Hamid Karzai, who approved the law earlier this year, was forced to review the decision after the law, on family rights for the country's Shiite minority, drew wide condem-

nation over its harsh provisions on women.

U.S. President Barack Obama called the law "abhorrent."

The law says women should satisfy their husband's sexual appetites, an article which critics have said could be used to justify marital rape and which provoked an outcry from Afghanistan's Western allies and rights groups around the world. **REUTERS**

News in brief

IRAN Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the nation today to present a cabinet expected to include a relative novice as oil minister, but he may face a tough battle to win parliament's approval. Adviser Iraj Nadimi said the president would propose Manouchehr Mottaki stays as foreign minister. Official news agency IRNA's incomplete list includes three women, which would be the first time that women would hold ministerial positions in the Islamic Republic. **REUTERS**

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Facebook kills ... your relationships

Relating

Steve Collins

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Nobody likely registered extreme surprise at a new study suggesting Facebook users experience more jealousy in their relationships.

than You Ever Wanted: Does Facebook Bring Out the Green-Eyed Monster of Jealousy? University of Guelph researchers surveyed undergraduate students about their Facebook use and its effect on their love life.

Among the findings: "The ease of making connections on Facebook may increase contact with past romantic and sexual partners, creating the potential for jealousy in current relationships."

You don't say.

When the Canadian privacy commissioner raised the alarm about Facebook's possible contravention of privacy laws last month, she was primarily worried about corporate misuse of personal information, not the ways in which your nearest and dearest might use it against you. Big Girlfriend is watching.

One subject told the University of Guelph researchers, "It turns people into nosey parkers."

The study's authors also

On the web

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identified a "feedback loop," wherein information on your partner snooped from Facebook leads to more jealousy.

The amount of time spent on Facebook is also cited as a factor, and this should surprise nobody either.

We so often hear that younger people don't at-

tach as much importance to privacy as us codgers, but it may just be they haven't been burned as often as we have. I think some may be catching on.

My girlfriend's teenaged kids all started out Facebook friends with her, but soon realized the implications of having your mom privy to certain colourful details.

Two of three have since ditched her, and she was actually relieved to be out of the loop.

I've opted out of Face-

book, which strikes me as kind of an endless high school reunion, an opportunity to interact awkwardly with all kinds of people you never knew well, and probably drifted away from for perfectly good reasons.

It seems we've created a technology remarkably well suited for breathing new life into long-dead relationships while poisoning live ones. What will we think of next?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Look at how far we've come — not far at all

FourthWave

Canice Leung

metronews.ca/fourthwave

The third season of TV series *Mad Men* premiered this Sunday; in it, the staff at ad agency Sterling Cooper is jettisoned into 1963.

Oh, what a year it turns out to be: Housewives awoken from domestic stupor when *The Feminine Mystique* is published; Camelot tumbles; singer Sam Cooke writes his iconic song *A Change is Gonna*

Come, about simmering racial tension in the South.

Mad Men, a show its creator Matthew Weiner has said is feminist, signals the third season's tone in the opening minutes, when Sterling Cooper's lone male secretary mutters, "This place is a gynocracy."

Though Manhattan was a man's world, the woman's life is well-explored: they're passed over for jobs; pre-marital sex makes them "strumpets"; men rape them; they consider abortions.

Consider Christina Hendricks' account of how viewers reacted to her character Joan's rape: "People say things like, 'Well,

you know that episode where Joan sort of got raped?' Or they say rape and use quotation marks with their fingers ... It illustrates how similar people are today, because we're still questioning whether it's a rape."

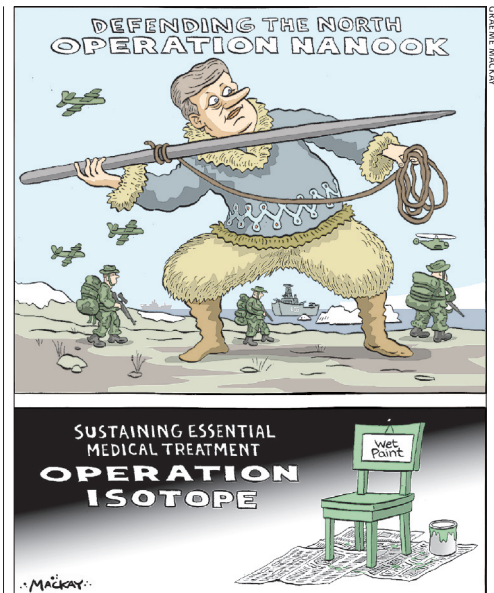
I chuckled when Joan shows the new-girl secretary Peggy to her typewriter. "It looks complicated, but the men who designed it made it simple enough for a woman to use," she assures her.

Mad Men was set in a world on the cusp of change, edging its way to free love, desegregation and violent war — but they clung, and still we cling, to

antiquated notions. Every generation has its revolution, and ours is now. It's Afghanistan, where a law was passed that allows men to starve their wives for denying them sex. It's a Carleton student, who is suing her school after it allegedly implied she was "asking for" a sex assault by working late at night in a secluded lab. It's women being interrogated before an abortion.

Mad Men is a mirror, and if we look into it, we will see that our turmoil is as it always has been.

Canice Leung is a former editor of *Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's*, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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Drugmaker sues paper over "sensational" claims

Generic drugmaker Mylan Inc. has sued the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette newspaper over what it called "sensational and misleading" articles alleging that workers had overridden controls intended to ensure the safety and efficacy of prescription drugs. **REUTERS**

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Ottawa to OK Nortel deal?

Canada is not likely to block Nortel Networks' (NRTLQ.PK) planned \$1.13-billion sale of wireless assets to Sweden's Ericsson (ERICB.ST), the Globe and Mail reported on its website.

The Canadian government is evaluating the deal based on the balance sheet value of the assets, which Nortel says is \$149 million according to the paper.

The Investment Canada Act normally requires a government review for foreign takeovers of a Canadian

business worth more than \$312 million.

Canadian BlackBerry maker Research In Motion has lobbied the government to block the sale. RIM argues that keeping Nortel's technology in Canada is vital to national security. The sale will only be stopped if the Canadian government has national security concerns or if it concludes that Nortel grossly undervalued the assets on its books, the paper said.

REUTERS

Opel may receive aid from Berlin if Magna takes over

AUTO Germany may provide 4.5 billion euros (\$7 billion) in state aid for carmaker Opel if General Motors chooses Canada's Magna, Berlin's favoured suitor, as the buyer.

The last-ditch offer would see the federal government and German states with Opel plants

Offer

split the initial aid bill without waiting for other European countries that have GM sites to chip in, Deputy Economy Minister Jochen Homann said. "The question doesn't arise, because the German government has a preference for Magna's improved offer."

costs are to be shared out with the other European countries," Homann — who heads the government's Opel task force — told Reuters.

Others such as Britain, Spain, Poland and Belgium could contribute once the degree of their further involvement in GM's European operations, which employs some 50,000 in Europe, became clear.

REUTERS

Inflation drops, but deflation not likely: Analysts

ECONOMY Consumer prices in Canada fell at the steepest rate in 56 years in July due to a sharp decline in energy costs, but analysts said yesterday there was little risk of prolonged deflation.

Overall prices dropped 0.9 per cent year-on-year in July, according to Statistics Canada, reflecting a 23.4 per cent swoon in energy prices.

The drop largely reflected a 28.3 per cent decline in gasoline prices from July 2008, a trend that analysts said would soon reverse.

Economists had expected a 0.8 per cent decline in overall prices in July from July 2008.

The actual figure — the steepest drop since the 1.4 per cent fall recorded in July 1953 — is far weaker than the Bank of Canada's target range of around two per cent annual inflation.

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Business in brief

RETAIL Sears Canada said yesterday its quarterly profit dropped sharply as fragile consumer confidence and cool weather hurt sales. Sears earned \$49.1 million during its second quarter ended Aug. 1,

down 20.2 per cent from \$61.5 million last year.

TAX EVASION More overseas tax havens could turn into traps for tax cheats as the U.S.-Swiss settlement over UBS AG invigorates a campaign to

flush out hideaways for illicit or undisclosed money. The long-awaited deal, which sees Switzerland handing over details of some 4,450 UBS bank accounts to U.S. investigators, was finalized yesterday.

BANKING The Federal Reserve said Tuesday it ordered WGNB Corp., the parent of First National Bank of Georgia, to halt payment of dividends and submit a plan to meet capital adequacy guidelines. **REUTERS**

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Venus and Serena Williams will become the latest celebrities to own a stake in the Miami Dolphins, a person familiar with the deal said yesterday. Musicians Gloria and Emilio Estefan and Marc Anthony recently bought small shares of the team. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Halifax runner places 6th

Halifax resident Adrienne Power placed sixth in the 200-metre heats at the world track-and-field championships in Berlin yesterday. The two-time defending national 200-metre champion did not qualify for the semifinals.

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Young winger plans to stick around

A year after leaving the Mooseheads' camp, Alex Lemieux says he's ready to contribute

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Alex Lemieux has been here before — but this year, he's planning to stick around longer than two days.

The 16-year-old rookie winger, a second-round pick (40th overall) of the Halifax Mooseheads last summer, is at training camp at Cole Harbour Place this week in a bid for the roster spot he probably could have had last season if he wanted it.

Lemieux, who might have been the youngest player in the QMJHL last

season courtesy of his Dec. 26 birthdate, left camp seeking ice time and re-joined his midget team in Quebec.

"I was young last year ... very young," he said.

Although the Longueuil, Que., native missed 15 games with a groin injury, he logged all kinds of ice time with Charles Lemoyne and had 10 goals and 18 assists for 28 points in 38 games. In the process, he worked on his limited English and added about 10 pounds of muscle to his frame.

"It was the right decision," Lemieux said. "I got

Camp schedule

At Cole Harbour Place

Today

- Team B (red) vs. Team C (green), 10 a.m.
- Team A (green) vs. Team B (red), 7 p.m.

more experience and I have more confidence in myself. I am more prepared to help the Mooseheads this year than last year."

He had a rough welcome to camp, getting high-sticked in the morning and waiting two hours at the hospital to get five stitches.

But he was back on the ice that night.

"He looked very good out there," Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said. "He's in excellent shape, he skates well and he had some good scoring chances."

Although the five-foot-11 184-pounder's decision to leave moved him off the radar for many, Lemieux is very much a piece of the Mooseheads' concerted rebuilding effort.

Lemieux, whose older brother Gabriel is a veteran defenceman with the Shawinigan Cataractes, has a scouting report that fits



Alex Lemieux plans to stay with the Mooseheads this season.

Russell's mould perfectly. He is known as a hard-working, physical role player who can kill penalties.

"That's what I want to show the coaching staff I can do," said Lemieux. "This year, I'm very ready."

Safina bounced from Rogers Cup

TENNIS World No. 1 Dinara Safina made an early exit from the Rogers Cup in Toronto yesterday, shocked 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 by 39th ranked Frenchwoman Aravane Rezaï.

Safina, eight times a finalist this season including last week in Cincinnati, could not find her feet on the Canadian hard-court and contributed to her own demise by serving up 17 double faults.

"Disaster," Safina, close to tears, told reporters. "It's not my serve, it's just my brain. I know exactly

what I have to do but I am not using my brain.

"I just didn't take control of my head. I lost my temper. I had to slow down and I couldn't do the right things. I just went more and more crazy."

The victory was the first win in three visits to Canada for Rezaï and earned her a small measure of revenge for the 6-1, 6-0 hammering she suffered at the hands of the Russian in the French Open fourth round earlier this year.

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Canada Games N.S. advances



Tantallon's Geoff Doane, left, defends Saskatchewan's Andrew Henry at the Canada Games in Summerside, P.E.I., yesterday. D.J. Smith had 23 points and Tyler Scott had 21 as Nova Scotia beat Saskatchewan 91-77 in the men's basketball quarter-finals. They play Ontario in today's semifinals.

Ace can't help Blue Jays against BoSox

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With fighting OK'd, gloves drop in intra-squad game

CAMP It seems Eric Louis-Seize and Ben MacAskill took the phrase "fighting for an over-age spot" too literally.

The two 20-year-olds, both chasing the same job at the Halifax Mooseheads, chucked the knuckles in the first fight at training camp last night at Cole Harbour Place, late in the second period of the second intra-squad contest of the day.

It's the first time fighting has been allowed in several years, and three more scraps ensued in the third. "We talked to each other before and we said we'd probably do that and spark something up," Louis-Seize said. "It turned out that it did and we're pretty happy about that."

Gabriel Desjardins, a sophomore forward, and Charles Bety, a 19-year-old

turnee, scored twice each in the morning game to lift Team B to a 6-4 win over Team A.

In the evening game, reigning team MVP Tomas Knotek and rookie Carl Gelinas scored twice each to help Team C deal Team A its second loss of the day 5-4.

Returning forward Guillaume Pelletier scored three times for Team A yesterday, while top scorer Yuri Cheremetiev and try-out Matt Myers chipped in with two apiece.

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NHL Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane has been indicted on charges of third-degree assault and theft of services, both misdemeanours, and harassment. A grand jury dismissed a more serious felony charge of second-degree robbery.

TRACK Priscilla Lopes-Schliep of Whitby, Ont., won the silver medal in the women's 100 metre hurdles final at IAAF World Athletics Championships in Berlin yesterday.

Jamaica's Brigitte Foster-Hylton took the gold, while her teammate Delloreen Ennis-London took bronze.

NHL The Carolina Hurricanes added veteran depth yesterday by inking centre Stephane Yelle to a one-year contract for the upcoming season. The 35-year-old Ontario native registered seven goals and 11 assists in 77 games last season for Boston.

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Smoltz goes from Red Sox to Redbirds

John Smoltz will resume his major-league career, agreeing to a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. The former Cy Young winner was released Monday by the Boston Red Sox. The 42-year-old Smoltz is expected to join the Cardinals today in San Diego. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

The unlikely batting champ

After not playing a full season since 2004, veteran finds his swing

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Entering the summer, Greg West was the unlikely of candidates to win Nova Scotia's senior baseball batting title.

It's not just because he was 36 and had never won a batting title before. The Dartmouth Moosehead Dry veteran also hadn't played a full season since 2004 and was still feeling the effects of two major injuries — a wrecked shoulder in 2002 and a ruptured Achilles tendon in 2007 — in seven years.

To top it off, he'd retired in 2005 and spent two years coaching in an attempt to re-establish the Sackville Chiefs.

So the fact that the first basemen/left-fielder tore apart the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League with a career-high .451 batting percentage (41 hits in 91 at-bats) was a surprise.

"Maybe they gave me easy pitching," West kidded.

All kidding aside, West is a key piece of the puzzle for the Dry as they host the Canadian senior baseball championship starting today at Beazley Field and Mainland Common.

"Sometimes with a short



Dartmouth Moosehead Dry veteran Greg West led the league with his .451 average.

Doucette wins derby

Darren Doucette won the home-run derby to kick off the Canadian senior baseball championship last night at Beazley Field. Doucette, a former St. Louis Cardinals farmhand and now player-coach of

Dartmouth Moosehead Dry, finished with five home runs in the first round, edging out the four from Gerald Butt of the St. John's Capitals. Doucette added another dinger in the final round to take the title.

schedule, you just get on a roll and feel like you can hit anything," West said. "That's kind of how I felt this year. But the real season starts now. It doesn't mean anything if you can't do it at nationals."

West, whose career batting average is around .370, said the two-year retire-

ment helped him realize how much he "missed the game" and motivated him to recover from the Achilles injury. Permanent retirement wasn't an option.

"I didn't want to leave like that," he said. "I've played ball my whole life and I didn't want that to be the end."

It didn't hurt that nationals were going to be held in his backyard in 2009. He's already won two national titles with the Dry and would love to win another at home.

But West won't be calling it a career when it's over.

"I haven't lost any quickness in my bat," he said. "In this league, I think you can play for a long time — and I plan to."

BoSox get best of Doc

MLB RESULTS

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trigger on a deal at the trade deadline.

Buchholz (2-3), who was one of the prospects coveted by Toronto, gave up a run on six hits through six innings, while Halladay (13-6) was touched for five runs on eight hits and two walks in just five frames.

David Ortiz, Jason Bay and Victor Martinez each homered, while Alex Gonzalez went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI for the Sox, who have split their last six games.

Vernon Wells had two hits and knocked in the only run for the Jays.

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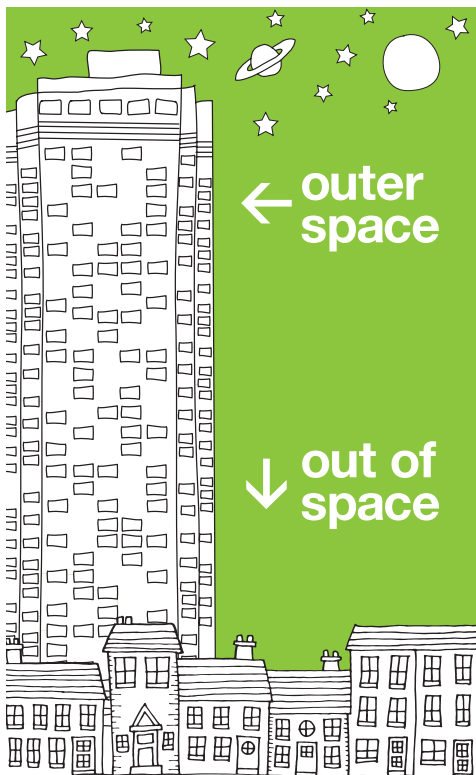
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Before the classroom bells toll next month, parents will be scouring the stores in search of the latest back-to-school gear.

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"Kids often get really excited about what they are going to wear for the first day back at school, so it's a key time to have all of the latest trends available," said Karen

Richter, H&M Canada's showroom manager.

For those just starting to pick out pieces, Richter said it's important to keep layering in mind.

"This way kids stay warm, but can also easily shed pieces once inside," she said.

Prior to venturing into the malls, take stock of what your kids have and create a shopping list.

Suzanne Timmins, fashion director for the Hudson's Bay Company, said there are certain back-to-school

must-haves for boys and girls.

"It's all that Rock Band style, punk rock, and grunge mixed with jeans that are slimmer and slimmer," said Timmins of boys' trends. "It's Jonas Brothers style. Very rock'n'roll."

That means graphic-printed tees, grey-black skinny jeans, the modern plaid shirt, 1980s-influenced colours, and high-top sneakers are all on the top of the list for guys.

For girls, Timmins said the 1980s trends continue.

"Key for all girl age groups are leggings," said Timmins. "They can be layered under skirts and T-shirts."

Also popular for girls are skinny jeans in juicy-toned bright colours, long cardigans, hoodies, and preppy accessories like ribbon headbands.

Even today's fashion-conscious tweens are taking back-to-school style cues from upper years.

"Tweens often like to dress more like their older siblings, so customers will find that many styles from our adult department have trickled down into the kids department," said Richter. "Leather motorcycle jackets, distressed denim and graphic rock tees have been quite popular."

Frances Gunn, an assistant professor at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Retail Management, said that in this year's economy, parents are more likely to spend conservatively when it comes to back-to-school shopping.

On the upside, he said parents looking to stay on a back-to-school budget will notice retailers giving them a break.

"You'll probably be looking later in the season for the best deals," he said.



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Options abound for green supplies

KATHY BUCKWORTH
for Metro Canada

Kids are usually less than thrilled about back-to-school shopping, but this year mine were excited when they saw the new eco-friendly products.

Is it the appeal of saving trees and using recyclable newspapers? Somewhat. Most kids today know how important it is to be good to the environment, but let's face it, kids are kids, and they like things on an aesthetic level as well.

"Smell this!" yelled seven-year-old Nicholas, as he thrust out one of 10 "Gourmet Scented Pencils" (or "smencils"). Made from 100 per cent recycled newspaper, this is just one of the products found at Indigo.

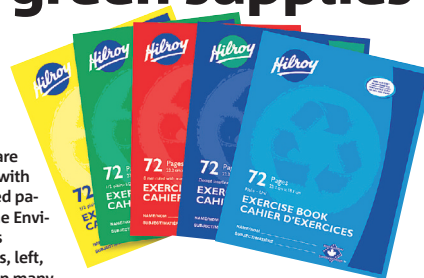


Their Pistachio lineup includes notebooks made with 100 per cent post-consumer recycled products, and even staple-free staplers.

"Little changes can make a big difference for the environment, and it's important for consumers to know their options and understand the environmental impact of the products," says Samantha Hindmarch, director of marketing at Hilroy.

A selection from the Pistachio notebook collection, which is available at Indigo (indigo.ca). Prices range from \$5.99-\$9.99.

These Hilroy exercise books (\$0.95 each) are made with recycled paper. The Enviro-Plus binders, left, come in many colours (\$5.99 each). For store locations, go to hilroy.ca.



products they're selecting during the busy back-to-school shopping season," said Michelle White, director of sustainability at Indigo.

Hilroy offers notebooks as well as Recycled Ruled Sheets, in their Enviro-Plus line.

"Hilroy's eco-friendly products give students the chance to start making a difference with small changes," says Samantha Hindmarch, director of marketing at Hilroy. Hilroy also has a website to teach kids

about going green (hilroy.ca/spreadtheword).

At Staples, there are biodegradable folders, bamboo USB keys, pencils made from recycled cedar, and scissors with handles made with 70 per cent recycled plastic.

With so many options available, the only decision the kids will have to make is where to shop first — and who gets the window seat on the school bus.

The bamboo 4GB USB key, top, is \$24.95 at Staples (staples.ca). The scented pencils, left, are \$14.99 at Indigo (indigo.ca).



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Time is of the Essence

Graham and Brown has released a new line of wallpaper called Essence. These trend-inspired patterns offer an intense dichotomy between bold stripes and delicate florals in crimsons, charcoals, duck eggs and creams. Shown here is Alum in damson and gold. See grahambrown.com.

Your home on display

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Once the "For Sale" sign is plunked in your lawn, the real work begins.

Your house only gets one chance to make a first impression, according to Century 21 Classic sales consultant Lynn Murray, and that means it's your job to dress it for success.

"Many potential buyers don't even realize they want to move, until they walk into the perfect open house," she said. "So if you don't have your house

ready, you could miss out on the perfect buyer."

If you want your house sold — like, yesterday — here are five ways to whip it into shape:

- **FIX THE FURNITURE:** The beat-up couch in your family room might be more than an eyesore — it could actually be changing people's perceptions about the size of the entire room.

"If the furniture is too big, it makes the room appear small," said Denise Hermanson of DH Design. "Properly proportioned furniture, arranged efficiently, can show potential buyers that the room has plenty of space."

- **CAN THE CLUTTER:** You've

probably thought to tidy up that pile of half-opened mail on the kitchen table, but according to the experts, that's not enough.

"Clutter completely takes away from the house itself," Murray said. "Potential buyers get too distracted by the current owner's 'stuff.'"

- **SNIFF OUT ANY SMELLS:** While everyone loves a yummy Indian dinner and a cuddly kitty, the lingering smell of curry and a litter box is less desirable.

Hermanson says you should scour the bathrooms, the kitchen, and any stinky pet zones. Spritz

furniture or curtains that smell musty, and use baking soda to freshen up older carpeting.

- **LET THERE BE LIGHT:** Nobody's shelling out for a dungeon, so show those potential buyers that Mr. Sun is a free gift with purchase.

"Pull back the blinds and curtains, and open up the win-

dows to let fresh air and sunshine in," Murray said.

It's not eco-friendly to turn on all of the lights, but many agents recommend it — even on a sunny day — to provide maximum brightness.

- **TURN UP THE TRADITION:** We're all a little old-fashioned at heart, and many prospective buyers can be won over with tidy green lawns, pretty flowerbeds, and a generally "homey" home. So turn on some soft music and channel your inner Martha.

"You don't want to make it sterile — just clean, fresh and sunny," Murray said.

Heather Clarke is a Halifax-based writer with a penchant for pretty things.

The ins and outs of caveat emptor

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At least once a week, I get a call from someone who has purchased a home and has discovered a problem that was not known on closing.

It would be extremely frustrating to discover a major defect in a house soon after purchasing it. Most of the callers will ask about suing the previous owner, sighting the fact the problem was never disclosed.

However, we rarely pursue claims against previous owners as it is the purchaser's responsibility to inspect the property and evaluate its condition.

A claim cannot be made in relation to a defect that should have been discovered during an inspection. This flows from the basic legal doctrine of "Caveat Emptor" or "Let the Buyer Beware."

The law distinguishes between Patent Defects and Latent Defects. Defects that would be identified during a basic inspection, such as a broken window, are considered to be Patent Defects. Sellers are not obliged to advise buyers of these defects and buyers can't complain about them if they were not discovered during an inspection.

Latent Defects are defects that are not easily identified during a basic inspection of a property, such as a rotting wood under roof shingles. It is often the case that neither the seller nor the buyer will know of a problem on the closing date. In this scenario, the buyer would not be entitled to compensation and would, unfortunately, have to accept the property as it is.

However, if the seller deliberately conceals a defect — say if the seller covered a crack in a basement wall — caveat emptor does not apply.

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RENTING OUT? Typically, a landlord's worst nightmare is either a property they can't rent, or a bad tenant. The bad news is that either of these scenarios can and does happen. The good news is that a prudent landlord can prevent either scenario from happening.

FIRST: Present your unit at its visual best, whether it be occupied by a tenant or vacant, according to Ryan Schwerdtner, managing director of Viewit.ca, a leader in online apartments for rent classifieds. Landlords mistakenly show a unit just the way it is — leaving its appeal up to the imagination of the prospective tenant.

Cleaning up the property before presenting it allows renters to see both the space and the possibilities of what they are renting. That can also be facilitated with professionally-taken photos, which Viewit.ca does for free,

and with handouts given at a showing.

SECOND: People live in neighbourhoods and communities. Highlight the unit as well as the area and street. Highlight the neighbourhood's amenities, including schools, places of worship, recreational areas, shopping and eateries — these are all important factors in a prospective tenant's mind, and are often the difference between signing on a tenant and losing them.

Also stay current with market demand for the type of unit you're renting and price it fairly.

FINALLY: Find the best tenant who not only likes your property, but also has a demonstrated history of being the type of tenant you want. Check their credit. Check their references and check their renting history, which always gives a good indication of the future demeanour of your tenant.

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HOME RENTING TIPS Before starting a search for a rental home, renters should to know as much as possible about the property before viewing it; in other words the "see-it-first" factor is increasingly important in today's Internet age of immediate access to information. It's also very important for renters to stay current with new listings in areas in which they are interested.

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Homes in Style

No country experience is complete without a little porch rocking while looking over the lake at sunset. **Mission Rocking Chair**, \$149.99, Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.



It's always nice to
Goodbye Doormat

A wooden mirror with a decorative, arched frame. The frame is made of light-colored wood and features ornate carvings, including a central arch and four corner pieces. The mirror is oval-shaped and reflects a bright, overexposed scene.

Mirroring classical design features of 19th century gilded frames, this carved weathered curlicue mirror is a perfect example of rustic charm. Anthropologie, \$448. anthropologie.com.



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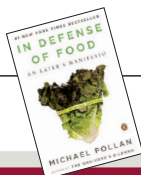


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Worldwide

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Croquettes and cobbler



Chicken Croquettes with Creamy Gravy

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter
- 1 medium-size yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) minced parsley
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) ground cayenne pepper

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chicken broth
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) 1% milk
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) ground cooked chicken breast
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) plain or seasoned fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain or seasoned fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 cup creamy gravy (see below)

METHOD:

In small pot, melt butter over moderate heat. Add onion and cook 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in parsley. In small bowl, combine flour, salt and cayenne pepper. Stir into mixture in pot. Cook 1 minute or until bubbly. Add chicken broth and milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture

starts to thicken. Cook and stir 2 minutes more or until thickened.

Pour mixture into large bowl. Stir in ground chicken and 1/3 cup (75 ml) bread crumbs. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour. With hands, shape 1/4 cup (50 ml) of mixture into 3/4-inch (2-cm) thick patty. Repeat with remaining mixture to form total of 8 patties.

Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C). Place egg in shallow dish. Place 1/2 cup (125 ml) bread crumbs on sheet of wax paper. Coat patties with bread crumbs, then dip in egg and coat again with crumbs. Arrange patties in lightly greased shallow baking pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until patties are golden and heated through. Serve with Creamy Gravy.

Creamy Gravy:

In small pot, melt 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter over moderate heat. Whisk in 2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried basil, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt and dash of pepper. Cook 1 minute or until bubbly. Add 1 cup (250 ml) 1% milk. Cook, whisking constantly, until thickened.



Peach Cobbler

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (250 ml) peach nectar, apricot nectar or apple

juice

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) sugar
- 4 tsp (20 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground nutmeg
- 3 cups (750 ml) sliced and peeled peaches
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) lemon juice
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) old-fashioned or quick-cooking rolled oats
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) 1% milk
- 1 large egg white

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 400°F (200 C). In medium-sized pot, whisk peach nectar, 1/3 cup (75 ml) sugar 4 tsp (20 ml) flour and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) nutmeg. Cook over moderate heat, whisking constantly, until starts to

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thicken. Cook and whisk 2 minutes more, until well thickened. Stir in peaches and lemon rind. Cook until bubbly. Keep warm.

In medium bowl, stir 2/3 cup (150 ml) flour, oats, 2 tbsp (25 ml) sugar, baking powder and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) nutmeg. Using pastry blender or two knives, cut butter in until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In small bowl, combine milk and egg white. Add to oat mixture and stir until dough forms.

Spoon hot peach mixture into 9-in. (23-cm) round baking pan. Spoon dough into 4 even mounds on top of hot peach mixture. Bake 18 to 22 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into mound comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream.

On the web



Global Peasant:

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Liquid Assets

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Last call for grilling glory

To misquote '80s poetic powerhouse Bananarama: "It's been a cruel, cruel summer." Unless you count the

hours I've stood outside trying to convince my dogs to stop barking at the neighbours; this season's uneven weather has meant that I haven't spent much time enjoying the tranquility of my backyard.

Well, with the sun beginning to set on summer I'm going to hang out on my deck and barbecue something this weekend even if hurricane whoever decides to descend on my little piece of Canada. Of course this determination allows me another crack at offering a few

more red wine recommendations to wash down grilled meat.

Having visited Chile in the spring I gained a lot of respect for the carmenère grape. Tasting like the love child of merlot and cabernet sauvignon, its ripe, bright berry fruit flavour shows accents of chocolate and deep plum that's typified by the smoothly accessible **Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo 2007 Carmenère (\$12.95 - \$13.97)**.

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Style



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Maxi-mize

Time to snap a maxi dress off the sales rack

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

If you think you're too late to try the airy maxi dress, don't worry — summer was late too.

In fact, now's the time to pick one up if you don't already have one; end-of-season sales have a lot to offer at great prices. And you don't have to be genetically blessed with a model figure to wear one.

"Look for something that skims your figure rather than clings," advises style expert Afiya Francisco of TheStyleHouse.ca. If you're a little tummy conscious, an empire waist works nicely in your favour because it helps conceal less-than-taut abs.

If you have more of an apple body shape, look for a style with minimal gathers where the waistband meets the skirt, and make sure the skirt isn't too full.

Voluminous skirts are also a "don't" if you're petite, Francisco adds.

If you have a generous bustline, or wear size 12 or better, shun spaghetti straps

and strapless versions, which will make you look heavier than you are. Instead look for dresses with wider straps or halter necklines; they'll provide a little support and more flattering proportions.

When it comes to stepping out in your maxi dress, "gladiator sandals and oversized sunglasses are ideal for day," according to Francisco. Simplicity is key when it comes to accessories, so think bangles or dangly earrings or a statement necklace. A slouchy tote also strikes the casual note.

For evening, Francisco suggests a clutch and sandals with heels to dress things up.

An unfussy beauty look is best with the maxi-dress trend. New York-based Canadian celeb hair stylist Harry Josh points to Cameron Diaz and Helena Christensen as examples of today's uncomplicated approach.

Right: Banana Republic maxi dress, \$124; Banana Republic stores.



Wal-Mart goes upscale

Wal-Mart Stores Inc is rolling out a new line of cosmetics by Hard Candy, hoping to dazzle shoppers with glitter eye shadow and volumizing mascara by a brand that is sold at more upscale retailers, like Sephora. The new line — being made specifically for Wal-Mart — will be introduced in 3,000 of its U.S. stores in September. It will be rolled out internationally next spring. Cosmetics will range from price from \$5 to \$10. **REUTERS**

Last chance: how to get the look



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Entertainment

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Paul cranks club beats

Sean Paul

Album: Imperial Blaze
Label: VP/Warner
Rating: ●●●●

SEAN PAUL'S record in four years was apparently going



to introduce us to a new socially conscious artist, but instead we get more sexed-up jams. From Birthday Suit to Lacey, this dancehall superstar has shagging on the brain, but in the end his speedy lyrics don't matter. Paul's music is meant for dancing and at that he succeeds again. The record is loaded with club-friendly beats, infectious choruses and hip-shaking grooves. It's nothing spectacular, but does the job it set out to do.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Tinariwen

Album: Imidiwan: Companions
Label: Outside
Rating: ●●●●●

TINARIWEN IS an electric guitar collective born out of the Saha-



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ran sands of north Africa and the violent rebellions of the Touareg nomads of Mali. These people literally grew up with Stratocasters strapped to their backs alongside Kalashnikovs. They are guitar masters who have merged traditional Touareg music with the sounds they found on cherished western cassettes by groups Led Zeppelin and Santana. The result is ecstatically hypnotic, reminiscent of the stoned cadences of Coltrane, and the improvisational magic of Jerry Garcia. Imidiwan: Companions is Tinariwen's fourth western release. It was recorded in a rented adobe hut in the village of Tessalit. Deadhead nirvana.

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Papa Wayne

Rapper Lil Wayne is expecting two little babies this year, but they're not twins. He is expecting one child with girlfriend Nivea and another with actress Lauren London, MTV.com reports. **POPEATER.COM**



Imperial Blaze is the first album in four years from Sean Paul.

Inward Eye

Album: Throwing Bricks
Label: RCA/Sony Music
Rating: ●●●●

THE LABEL sheet says brothers Dave, Kyle and Anders Erickson grew up listening to their parents' Rolling Stones, Who, Kinks and Clash records ... until, that is ... they discovered

Green Day. Which means two things. No. 1 — the publicist is prone to tired clichés. And No. 2 — we're probably dealing with three upper-middle class suburban Canadian kids trying to be inner-city English punks. They get points for trying. There are some undeniably likable tracks on Inward Eye's debut full-length.

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	54	54	54	GOLF Solheim Cup Opening Ceremony (Live)	(6) HSR	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.	U.S. Women's Soccer Team	Pinks -- All Out (HDTV) (N)	Jacked! (N)	Jacked! (N)	Wrecked (N)	Wrecked (N)
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	53	53	53	TSN ATP Tennis	SportsCentre	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	6TEEN	Futurama	Applesseed ** (2004)	Comfy Couch	Comfy Couch
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	27	27	27	YTV iCarly (N)	Drake & Josh	Family Biz	Family Biz	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	In Real Life	Falcon Beach	Falcon Beach
	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Warriors: TKO	Wapos Bay	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48	The First 48
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	37	37	37	BRVO Wind at My Back	Storytellers	Camera	Karaoke Star "Kelowna" (N)	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Reba
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	46	46	46	HIST Unlocking the Past	NCIS "Chimera"	One Tree Hill "Resolve"	The Daily Fix	Nurse Jackie	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman	Survivorman
	17	17	17	MM America's Best Dance Crew	mm10top10.ca	The Daily Fix	Nurse Jackie	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman	Survivorman	Survivorman
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	201	201	201	M1 Margot-Wed	Enchanted *** (2007, Fantasy) Amy Adams.	Ghost Hunters	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman	Survivorman
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critics' corner

Parks and Recreation
Leslie (Amy Poehler) faces a tough ethical choice at a casual get-together that is part of her crusade to crash her way into the old boys' club of politics. Andy (Chris Pratt) has a surprise for Ann (Rashida Jones). Aziz Ansari, Paul Schneider, Aubrey Plaza and Nick Offerman also star in "Boys' Club." 9:30 PM on NBC



The Office
Michael (Steve Carell) must settle a dispute within his new sales team. Some of the employees cause trouble when they take the term "casual Friday" too loosely, resulting in inappropriate wardrobe — and behavior. Rainn Wilson, John Krasinski, Jenna Fischer, Ed Helms and B.J. Novak co-star in "Casual Friday." 9:59 PM on CHiF

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
Hodges and Wendy (Wallace Langham, Liz Vassey) wind up investigating the death of a beloved actor when they run into each other at a science-fiction convention for one of their favorite classic TV shows. Kate Vernon ("Battlestar Galactica") guest stars in "A Space Oddity"; Laurence Fishburne, Marg Helgenberger and George Eads also star. 10 PM on CJC

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Actor David Boreanaz has been having a rough go since his wife Jaime Bergman became pregnant in March: "Jaime's pregnant, we're doing construction at the house, and I'm just pulling my hair out," he told People. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Hey Twilight fans: Rob is single

THE LINE STARTS TO THE LEFT Good news, Robert Pattinson fans: He's not dating anyone, people.com reports.

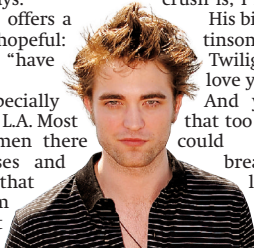
At least that's what the Twilight actor, who only days ago was seen getting cozy with co-star Kristen Stewart, wants Britain's Daily Mirror to believe. "I don't have a girlfriend," he claimed. "I don't know why."

Pattinson, 23, appears surprised at this turn of

events. "You always think you're going to get more girls after you've made a movie and it never happens," he says.

Pattinson offers a tip to the hopeful: He doesn't "have a type."

"It's especially different in L.A. Most of the women there are actresses and by default that makes them a little bit



nuts — not that that's a bad thing," he observed. "Whenever I get asked who my favourite celebrity crush is, I have no idea."

His biggest fear, Pattinson said, are "the Twilight Moms who love you like moms! And you can take that too far. I mean, it could be 'Edward breaks up Twilight family.'"

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Paris not reason for film flop: Judge

LEGAL WIN A court has ruled Paris Hilton was not at fault for her film flopping, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The socialite was sued by Worldwide Entertainment Group for allegedly breaching her contractual commitments for movie National Lampoon's Pledge This!, but a Miami judge has ruled she did her best to promote it, stat-

ing the movie was "hardly destined for critical acclaim."

Judge Federico Moreno said: "The movie flopped because the film's inexperienced producers hastily cobbled together a wholly inadequate marketing plan. They sent scatter-shot requests to



their principal star in the hope she could find time to promote a sinking ship."

While Hilton won't have to pay the \$8.3 million US in damages the producers were asking for, she may have to return the \$1-million fee she was given for the film. A receiver representing the producers has been given until Aug. 26 to submit arguments as to why the blonde star should pay back the sum.

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Mimi delays album release

CAREER MOVE? With her new album's first single not performing so well, and rival Whitney Houston putting out a new record, Mariah Carey has pushed back the release of her new album, *Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel*, to after the deadline for Grammy consideration — though pals are trying to spin it in her favour.



"Mariah's been shafted so many times before that it's like a big 'kiss my butt' to the Grammy folks," a source told Gatecrasher. "She doesn't need the awards, because her career is already so successful." Carey has received five trophies and 21 nominations.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Spike throwing MJ party

IN TRIBUTE Spike Lee is planning a big party for Michael Jackson on the late singer's 51st birthday, and everyone's invited. The director felt it important to memorialize Jackson, he explained to the Washington Post.

"We're of the same era," Lee said. "I wanted my afro

to be perfectly round like Michael's." The celebration, free and open to the public, will take place Aug. 29 in Brooklyn's Fort Greene Park. "It's going to just be how we do it, Brooklyn-style, I'll leave it at that," Lee said. "It's going to be a joyous, festive, celebratory party."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Survivor Richard in jail again

MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES Survivor winner Richard Hatch found himself back behind bars hours after appearing on The Today Show to talk about his four years in prison for tax evasion, MSNBC.com reports.

Popeater.com says when police took the reality star into custody at his sister's Rhode Island home, Kristin Hatch says heard

the officer say he was going back to jail because he did an interview. However, both NBC and Hatch himself say the Federal Bureau of Prisons approved the interview.

Even Hatch's lawyer doesn't know why he's been jailed: "I'm so sorry to say I don't know what the grounds are," Cynthia Ribas said.

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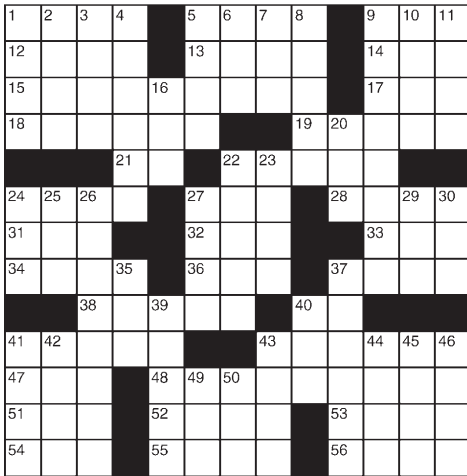
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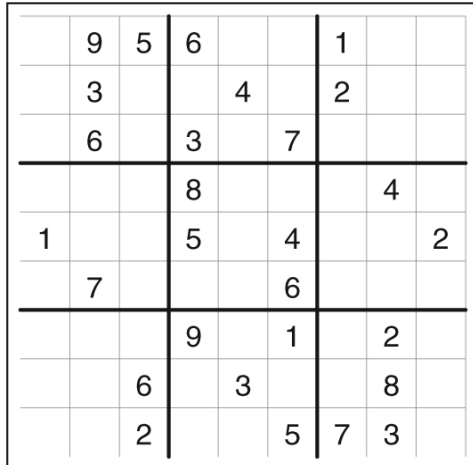
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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1	5	7	4	6	8	3	2	9

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Quick Curried Couscous

Submitted by Patricia Smith, Toronto

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups couscous
3 cups chicken stock OR water
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 cup raisins
1 bunch parsley OR cilantro, chopped
1/2 cup slivered almonds

METHOD:

Pour couscous into a bowl. Lightly toast almonds in a dry pan. Mix chicken stock, curry powder, salt, pepper and raisins in a saucepan and bring to a boil; remove from heat. Pour the boiling liquid over the couscous. Seal top of the

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You will recover quickly from the effects of yesterday's Mars-Uranus aspect and by the end of the day you'll be back to your best.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

The world needs people who are not afraid to speak up and that's exactly what you will be doing today.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Family matters must come first. No matter how pressed you may be on the work front you must make time for your nearest and dearest.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

You will be in the public eye today. You have something important to do on the work front, something only you have the guts to attempt.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You have a lot to say for yourself and today's new moon in the communications area of your chart will encourage you to be even more outspoken.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Cosmic activity in your fellow Fire sign of Leo means you feel a lot more confident about your beliefs. Don't be afraid to express your opinions.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Others will offer to do things for you today but if you are smart you will insist on doing them for yourself.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You may be one of the more ambitious and worldly signs of the zodiac but today you need to spend time by yourself.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Everything will fall into place over the next few days, so stop worrying about whether or not you are doing the right thing.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Partnerships and relationships are of extra importance at the moment and if you have fallen out with someone close, now is the time to approach them.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

This is a frustrating time for you but don't despair because an upturn in your fortunes will be evident in a matter of days.

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1. A solitary rifle or pistol (1)
2. Embraces "What's up, Doc?" Bunny (1)
3. Acquainted with Dakota tribesmen (1)
4. In favor of a shop or boutique (1)
5. Swimmer/actress Williams's court clowns (2)
6. (With 7) Slight change in the form of ...
7. ... a systematic ordering of written laws (5)

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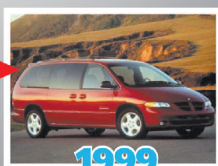
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